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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 2066

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, RP, US, (WIDEMAN, BERNARD)

SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF BERNARD WIDEMAN

REF: STATE 027228

1. EMBASSY AND USIS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH WIDEMAN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS CONCERNING NON-RENEWAL OF HIS VISA. WIDEMAN HAS INFORMED US THAT HIS PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 20 (AT HIS REQUEST VISA WAS EXTENDED FROM JANUARY 30 SO HE COULD BE WITH HIS PARENTS WHO WERE THEN VISITING PHILIPPINES).

2. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER REYES, REYES HAS INDICATED TO WIDEMAN THAT THE MILITARY WANTED HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, WIDEMAN UNDERSTANDS FROM CONVERSATIONS FEER EDITOR RECENTLY HAD WITH MARCOS THAT MARCOS WAS FURIOUS ABOUT HIS PIECES IN FEER ON MANILA HOTELS AND SUGAR SITUATION. THUS, WIDEMAN FEELS IT IS ULTIMATELY MARCOS WHO WANTS HIM OUT.

3. WIDEMAN IS PURSUING HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE HIS VISA RENEWED. HE SAW BOARD OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 8 AND ASSOCIATION WILL MEET ON SUBJECT FEBRUARY 11. HE HOPES TO SEE INFORMATION SECRETARY TATAD FEBRUARY 11. HE IS ALSO CONSIDERING
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SEEKING LEGAL COUNSEL.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH PAO FEBRUARY 8 WIDEMAN INDICATED HE DOD NOT WISH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. (HE ALSO NOTED HE HAD NOT ASKED WASHINGTON POST OR ABC TO COME TO HIS ASSISTANCE.) FOR THE MOMENT IT APPEARS THAT HE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO WORK OUT HIS PROBLEM

FOR HIMSELF.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT WIDEMAN WILL
SUCCEED IN GAINING AN EXTENSION OF HIS VISA. WE WILL BE
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIM IN COMING DAYS AND WILL KEEP
DEPARTMENT INFORMED. SHOULD HE REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE,
WE WILL CONSIDER WHAT ROLE EMBASSY MIGHT USEFULLY PLAY IN
LIGHT OF EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES. IN OUR VIEW WIDEMAN
IS GENERALLY RESPECTED AND ONE OF BEST INFORMED NEWSMEN
IN PHILIPPINES. HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY HELPFUL TO THE
EMBASSY IN SHARING MATERIALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DETAINEE
QUESTIONS, ETC.
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